Plan there were 172 continuing schemes under this. With the addition of another 80, it is 252. I would like to know as to how many of these schemes have corresponding, similar schemes in the States? If so, what is the coordination which is effected between the programmes conducted by the States and by the Centre?

SHRI SUKH RAM: Sir, it is a fact that 172 schemes were transferred or carried forward from the Sixth Plan to the Seventh Plan, and some were added in the Seventh Plan. The total now comes to 251. About coordination, any schem which is being prepared by any Central Ministry, is done in consultation with the State Government, and the implementation part is that of the State Government.

श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र : सभापति महोदय, सेंट्रली स्पांसर्ड स्कीमज के लिए जो राशि आवंटित की जाती है, निर्धारित समय पर उस राशि का उपयोग नहीं होता है, तो क्या वह आगामी वर्ष के लिए फिर से कैरी आन की जाती है ? अगर उसका उपयोग नहीं हुआ, तो उपयोग क्यों नहीं हुआ, इसकी कोई जांच होती है और उसमें भ्रष्टाचार न हो, उसे दूर करने के लिए सरकार ने कोई सर्वदलीय समिति उसकी मानिट्रिंग के लिए, बनाने के लिए विचार रखती है क्या ?

श्री सुख राम : सर, जहां तक इसके आवंटन का ताल्लुक है, यह तो यहां से जो सेंट्रल मिनिस्ट्रीज हैं, जहां तक मुझे मालूम है, वह समय पर राशि स्टेट गवर्नमेंट को देती हैं, मगर जैसा मैंने कहा कि इसका जो कार्यान्वियन है, इसका जो इम्पलिमेंटेशन है, वह स्टेट गवर्नमेंट का काम है। अगर कोई ठीक ढंग से इम्पलिमेंटेशन नहीं होता, तो स्टेट गवर्नमेंट का और जहां तक प्लानिंग कमीशन का ताल्लुक है, यहां पर इसकी मानिट्रिंग हो रही है और अब के तो, बल्कि इस वर्ष से जो इयरमार्कड सैक्टर्स हैं, इयरमार्कड सैक्टर में हर तीन महिने के बाद इसकी मानिट्रिंग होती है ताकि कोई ऐसा जो सैक्टर है, जिसमें खर्चा नहीं हुआ है और अगर खर्चा नहीं हुआ, तो स्टेट गवर्नमेंट का आखिर में उतनी प्रोपोर्शन में रुपया काटा जाता है।

Evasion of customs Duty by M/s. Reliance Industries Limited

*42 SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that show-cause notice has recently been issued by the Collector of customs of Bombay to Ms. Reliance Industries Limited, alleging an evasion of Customs Duty to the extent of around Rs. 120 crores by the company;

(b) if so, what are the other details on this notice;

(c) what specific violations does this notice relate to; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that this show-cause notice relates to alleged smuggling of a Rs. 1000 crore plant into India by M/s. Reliance Industres Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (d) A show-cause notice has been issued by th Deputy Collector of Customs Bombay on 10.2.1987 to M/s. Reliance Industries Limited alleging unauthorised importation of Plant and Machinery, and alleged misdeclaration and under-invoicing of goods involving alleged evasion of duty of Rs. 119.64 crores. The show-cause notice also requires Reliance Industries Limited to explain liability to confiscation of the goods unauthorisedly imported and liability to penalty under the Customs Act, 1962.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I owe this question to you

But for your intervention this question would not have seen the light of day in Parliament. In the last session, for some inexplicable reasons, this question was not allowed on grounds of its being sub judice. It was only your intervention which removed that obstacle. I am deply grateful to you for that.

I would like to ask the hon. Minister the following questions. Did the Ministry of Finance ask for or launch any other investigation into the other alleged misdemenour, financial and industrial, or industrial, of Reliance Industries Limited? What was this investigation? When was it launched? what were their findings? When did you actually receive the findings?

Part (d) of my question remains unanswered. What is the quantum of duty alleged to have been evaded and what is the quantum of penalty on the duty which was alleged to have been evaded?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Sir, this quesion was paricularly asked about the show-cause notice. I have got all the information about show-cause notice. About the other question, I will request the hon. Member to give me information and then I can reply.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not information. Notice. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Yes, notice.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: During Question Hour, Members will give information to the Minister;

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Sir, about the show-cause notice, I have to submit that a show-cause notice has been issued by the Deputy Collector of Customs, Bombay on 10th February, 1987, calling upon Reliance to show-cause why the entire P.F.Y. plant including the four spinning machines which have been imported unauthorisedly, should not be confiscated under the Customs Act and why they should not be penalise under the said Act for misdeclaration with regard to description and value of the plant and machinery for the P.F.Y. project. In addition, why should the duty sought to be evaded amounting to Rs. 119.64 crores not be demanded from them?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the second supplementary, Mr. Jaswant Singh.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Sir, before I ask my second supplementary, I would like to ask you whether you are satisfied that the Minister deserves advance notice for it. All right. Then about part (d) I said 'Duyp and penalty'.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has given that.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Only the duty part. He has not said anything about the penalty part.

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Sir, I want to inform the hon. Member that the whole matter is at the stage of show-cause notice is issued by the Deputy Collector of Customs and the adjudication will be done by the Collector of Customs. The whole matter is under adjudication. The question of penalty and all other things will come after that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Motiram Patel.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Sir, I am on my second supplementary. Sir, the show-cause notice was issued to Reliance Textiles. with your permision, I will quote from the show-cause notice itself. It is just one or two lines. This industrial concern entered into three separate agreements with Dupuont of U.S.A. At one stage, the know-how agreements the engineering information agreement and the equipment supply agreement—all dated 30.3.1981 clearly specify the capacity of the plant at a certain level which is given in the show-caus notice. Then, thereafter it goes on to say and it is admitted

by M/S Reliance Industries Ltd., that the agreement specified the value of the equipment as U.S. $ 245 crores f.o.b. and the C.G licence is also accordingly issued etc. Now, this is what the show-cause notice itself says. Therefore, I would like to know the Government, through you, Sir, as to whether they have investigated, whether they have asked of this industry, or inquired as to who actually paid for this amount because now the show cause notice establishes that in respect of all these three separate agreements Reliance Industry has exceesed the agreement as also the licensed capacity and, therefore, who actually said for this amount, how and in contravention of which laws of the country? And who pid abroad for the additional know-how and the additional capacity and also additional machinery which by rough caluculation would work out to be around $ 10 million.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. I will give you some time to think over the long question that has been asked.

WELCOME TO THE MONGOLIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have with us this morning, seated in the special Box, Members of the Mongolian Parliamentary Delegtion which is currently on a visit to our country under the distiguished leadership of His Excellency Mr. Bat-Ochiri in Altangerel, Chairman of the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic. The other members of the Delegation are: (1) Mr. Danzangyn Radnaaragchaa M. P., and (2) Ms. Sunduyn Odgerel, M.P.

On behalf of the Members of the House and on my own behalf, I take pleasure in extending a very hearty welcome to the leader and other members of the Delegation and wish our distinguishd guests a vary enjoyable and fruitful stay in our country. We hope that during their stay there they would be able to see and learn more about our Parliamentary system, our country and our people. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Members of the great People's Khural and the firiendly people of the Mongolian People's Republic.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS—contd.

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Sir, all these questions asked by the Hon. Member will arise only, after the adjudication proceedings are over. I have submitted in the very beginning that this is only the first stage and now they will have the right of inspection and right of reply and when the adjudication award is given all these questions will arise and I will be able to answer them.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, before the show-cause notice there was an inquiry. May I know whether it is a fact that the Grover Committee report was reviewed by the administrative Ministry, i.e., the Department of Petroleum and Chemicals and, if so what is their finding about the Grover Committee's Report? Another thing that I want to know is whether it is also a fact that Mr. N. D. Tiwari ordered the M.R.T.P. authorities, the Department of Company Affairs also investigated then allegation and what is their finding.

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Sir, then findings of the Grover Committee were reviewed by the administrative Ministry which is also the nodal Ministry for such industries and they did not agree with the findings of the Grover Committee. They did not find that anything wrong has been done. About the other Committee I do not have information.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, as stated by the Hon. Minister neither the administrative Ministry concerned nor the officers from the M.R.T.P. and Company Affairs confirmed the vio-

lation of alleged offences, Then what necessitated the Government to issue the show cause notice? That is number one. Then Sir, the show-cause notice has been issued on 12-2-1987. The company has has submitted its interim report on 27th February. What is the reaction of the Government to the reply of the interim report of the company?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Sir, it is a fact that the show-cause notice was issued on 10-2-1987 and the nodal Ministry, the administrative Ministry, gave it opinion on December 2, 1986. But the reaction should be awaited from the adjudicator. How can we react?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Quite right. Yes, Mr. Virendra Verma.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, when the Committee has not found any fault, what necesitted the Government?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister's answer is, it is a matter under adjudication. They will decide whether it is right or wrong.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : माननीय मंत्री जी बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पेनल्टी का बेसिस क्वांटम आफ टैक्स है या क्वांटिटी के हिसाब से है, क्या बेसिस है पेनल्टी का ?

दूसरे इन दो महीनों में इस आफेंस की जांच जो कस्टम अधिकारी या डिप्टी कलेक्टर आपने कहा कर रहे हैं, वे खुद इसकी जांच कर रहे हैं या सी बी आई० या कोई अन्य ऐजेंसी कर रही है ? क्या कोई प्रापर्टी अभी तक कंफिस्केट की गई है ?

श्री ब्रह्म दत्त : मैं माननीय सदस्य को बताना चाहता हूं कि पेनल्टी का आधार तो कानून है, न क्वांटिटी है, न क्व लिटि है, न कीमत है । ...

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : क्या कानून है ?

श्री ब्रह्म दत्त : क्या कानून है, वह तो पढ़ना पड़ेगा, आप भी पढ़ लीजिए । यह तो शिवशंकर जी या भारद्वाज जी बता सकते हैं । मैं कानूनी आदमी नहीं हूं। मुझे भी पढ़ना पड़ेगा । ... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : आपने बिना जांच किए ही शो-कॉज नोटिस दे दिया ?

श्री ब्रह्म दत्त : हमारे जो डिप्टी कलेक्टर आफ कस्टमस हैं उन्होंने जो जांच की उसके बाद उन्होंने नोटिस दिया । इसके बाद उनको अधिकार है कि वे शो कॉज नोटिस का जवाब दें, पंच फैसले में जाएं । . . . (**व्यवधान**)

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : जांच कौन कर रहा है ? आपने बिना गलती पकड़े ही शो-कॉज नोटिस दिया ? . . . (**व्यवधान**)

श्री ब्रह्म दत्त : मैं आपको समझा नहीं पा रहा हूं, यह मेरा दुर्भाग्य है । . . . (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: What is the basis for the Show Cause Notice?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: I have given the basis.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : मान्यवर, मंत्री जी ने कहा कि जांच के बाद ही शो-कॉज नोटिस दिया गया है । . . . (**व्यवधान**)

श्री ब्रह्म दत्त : मैं वर्मा जी को कह देता हूं कि हमारे डिप्टी कलेक्टर आफ कस्टम्स ने कुछ मुआयना किया, उसके बाद ज्यादा क्षमता की मशीनरी ली गई, यह उन्होंने पाया तो उन्होंने शो-कॉज नोटि दिया ।

Now, I have to tell hon. Shri I Upendra. The Deputy Collecto Customs, made some inspections a on the basis of those inspections, has issued the Show Cause Noti and there was FIR. It is nothi very serious.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am going to tell something to the Minister. I object to his way of pronouncing the word 'lawyer'.

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: It is very difficult to distinguish.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: All of us who are lawyers protest.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: All lawyers unite.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, in the reply that has been given—in my throat there is a Government crisis—it has been stated that there is under-invoicing of goods. Is it under-invoicing or is it a misdeclaration of goods? Now, under-invoicing means that he has imported something which he says he has paid for in terms of a lower amount. If that is so, then he has to have some foreign exchange in order to pay that excess amount. If he has done that, wherefrom he got that exchange? What is your information on the basis of which this notice has been issued? This is number one. Part (b), in this case, when he is seized of similar problems, I would like to know whether the source of information was indigenous or foreign or was it indigenous and another private sector unit. Thirdly, Sir,...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: (c).

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: c) I also want them to see. You ave mentioned the value of duty scape. What was the value of unerstatement? This I would like to now, and (d)....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Two minutes er.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: ve seconds more which is less than e per cent. Was there any FERA lation also along with this? Was y show-cause notice served on that ount also?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: As regards (c), I would like to say that we always try to use indigenous material. We always use indigenous philosophy. We are not using philosophy from foreign countries. (Interruption). Do not be excised, Mr. Dipen Ghosh. Rest of the questions will arise when the adjudication proceedings are completed. Again, I would like to repeat that we use indigenous philosophy, we use indigenous information and we use indigenous material. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI K. MOHANAN: What is the meaning of indigenous philosophy? Even wives you are importing from foreign countries. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Salve. (*Interruptions*). There is too much hilarity ni this House. We should discuss this question with a little more seriousness.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Sir, this kind of ffraud (Interruptions) which covers, which is covered by the show-cause notice not only involves evasion of customs duty, but it has also the angle of violation of the terms of licence, income-tax as well as foreign exchange. This is a very serious matter. The hon. Minister says that on examination of the physical components of the parts, the showcause notice was issued. I cannot understand this because a show-cause notice will only be issued when there is understatemen tof the value or under-valuation and not when examination is done. The hon. Minister has referred to the examination report. I would like to ask him, when the import was made, why did they not defect it at that time? It is not a marginal evasion. It is not a question of a few hundreds or a few thousands or a few crores of rupees. It is more than Rs. 100 crores. You cannot ask for import of donkeys and import elephants instead. This is the sort of thing which seems to have happened. May I ask him, therefore....(Interruption) I am not referring to your import. I would

like to ask him, if the examination report is the basis for the show-cause notice, when was the original import made and why is it not detected at that time? Finaly, Sir, very squarely I agree with one thing. The customs officials do not have the wherewithal to examine this sort of thing. It is the responsibility of the administrative Ministry and in this case, I think, the administrative Ministry is Chemicals and Petrochemicals. I would like to know from the hon. Minister since he is also the Minister of Chemicals and Petrochemicals ...

AN HON. MEMBER: He is not.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Then, I would like to know from him as the Minister of State for Finance, what has his Ministry to say on the discrepancy which they must have found on examination of inspection report and actual imports?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: In regard to the last part of the hon. Member's question, I would like to say that the administrative Ministry, namely, the Ministry of Chemicals has found nothing wrong.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Nothing wrong in the show-cause notice?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Nothing wrong in the import. These imports are allowed and these are assessed on a provisional basis. Then the Deputy Collector of Customs inspected the whole thing and he thought that there was some thing wrong and he issued a show-cause notice. There is nothing wrong.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: What is that 'something'?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Over-capacity imports, something which was more than....

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Sir, the thrust of my question was different.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You talked about the import of donkeys and elephants. What can he do?

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Sir, this only by way of a graphic description. The thrust of my question was that the licensing is a very detailed procedure. Physical details of the machineries are available: I want to know whether they were examined. Did they find anything wrong with that at the time of the import? When was it imported? You are issuing a notice in 1987.

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: It was imported during the last four-five years and I have already submitted that provisionally they were cleared but later on the eputy collector of Customs thought that some thing was wrong and issued a show cause notice.

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: When the Fairfax atmosphere is there all over the country, I would to know from the Minister about the Fairfax inquiry, whether they have given any findings about the Reliance enquiry to which our revered friends are referring. What are the findings? (Interruptions).

MR. CHAIRMAN: I myself did not follow your question. Yes, Mr. Dipen Ghosh.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please do not record the question. Next question.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What about my part (a) of the question? That relates to the difference between the actual price and the invoiced price. How could it be paid by the importer to the exporting firm? Has it been enquired into? That is my question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says, what is the difference?

Whether it is under-invoiced or over-invoiced, there is some difference. How was this money paid in foreign exchange? Have you enquired into it?

*Not recorded

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: I have already submitted that this matter is under adjudication. The Deputy Collector of Customs thinks like that and issues as show cause notice. Nothing can be said till the adjudication proceedings are over.

TV programmes for rural and urban people

*43. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of television sets has gone up manifold in recent years and that many of these sets are installed in the rural areas of different regions in the country;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure the telecasting of programmes to suit the rural andregional audiences; and

(c) what is the broad proportion of time allotted for the telecasting of programmes ment for the urban and the rural audiences, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Doordarshan does not have definite information about the distribution of TV sets in the rural and urban areas of the country.

Doordarshan is already telecasting Area Specific Programmes for the benefit of rural viewers in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bihar, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh. All the Porgramme Producing Kendras are also telecasting suitably designed prgorammes for the rural people in respect of agriculture, irrigation, healh and sanitation rural electrification and cottage and small scale indusries.

As a matter of policy, regional Kendras of Doordarshan produce programmes in the languages of the respective regions. All full-fledged Doo darshan Kendras put out service for a duration of about 3 hours daily. A primary TV service has also been introduced in the States of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh enabling all the transmitters in these States to relay programmes produced and telecast by Doordarshan Kendras at Bombay and Hyderabad respectively. The transmitter at Kodaikanal has also been linked to Doordarshan Kendra, Madras enabling Kodaikanal transmitter to relay programmes produced and telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Madras. Similarly, transmitter at Berhampur has been linked with Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta to relay programmes originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta.

The setting up of the second channel in the metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras has been decided with a view to meeting the multilingual requirements of cosmopolitic character of the population in these areas with emphasis on regional programmes.

Most of the Doordarshan programmes are meant both for urban and rural audience. However, broadly main Kendras telecast between one hour and 2-1|4 hours of programmes per week exclusively for rural audiences. In case of INSAT Centres the duration is between 3 to 6-1|4 hours per week.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Sir, in reply to part (a) of the question it has been said that the Government has no definite information. The purpose of my question is not to know the number of sets but how they are being made available